

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-13, 17-20 and 23 were pending in this application. No claims have been amended or added. Claims 9-23 have been canceled. Hence, claims 1-6 and 8 remain pending after entry of the amendments herein. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 9, 10 and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 5,474,955 to Thakur, *et al.* (hereinafter "Thakur").

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thakur as applied to claims 9, 10 and 17-19, and further in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,239,002 to Jang, *et al.* (hereinafter "Jang").

All unallowed claims have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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